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The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) represents all municipal police departments in Connecticut as well as police departments at private and state universities.

CPCA supports H.B. 5286, AAC The Return of Stolen Property. Currently police must seize and hold as evidence stolen property valued at over \$250, though it is seldom needed as evidence by the court. Property of a lesser value may be returned to the owner. The proposed legislation would raise the property value to \$500. CPCA supports this change as police departments will be able to return such property to its rightful owner for their use and enjoyment thus lessening the impact of victimization and lessen the burden on local police departments to process and store certain pieces of property.

It should be noted that CPCA also supports S.B. 195, AAC The Storage of Stolen Property which increases the threshold value of property to be retained to \$1,000. (Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security)

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